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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE

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1. RE PARA. 2. A. REFTTEL, GOI HAS INDICATED IT FINDS USE OF
TERM ASSISTANCE UNPALATABLE AND EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE RECO-
MMENDATION FOR ALTERNATE NAME VIA SEPTTEL.

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2. EMBASSY FORESEES NO PROBLEMS IN SUPPLYING DIRECTION AND

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR NEW OFFICE.

3. EMBASSY CURRENTLY DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFFING OF NEW OFFICE. AS WE UNDERSTAND TERMS OF REFERENCE, OSA RESPONSIBILITIES LIMITED TO FOREIGN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS OUTLINED PARA. 3 REFTEL. IF SO, WE CONTEMPLATE INSERTING OFFICE INTO POLITICAL/MULTILATERAL SECTION AND FORESEE AT THIS POINT QUITE JUNIOR STAFF MEMBERS.

4. ELMINATION OF MAAG RAISES PROBLEM OF HANDLING FUNCTIONS OTHER THAN SCURITY ASSISTANCE (SA) CURRENTLY CARRIED OUT BY MAAG. CHIEF MAAG ESTIMATES ABOUT FORTY PERCENT MAAG'S TIME NOW SPENT ON SUCH ITEMS AS PREPARATION F JSOP FOR ITALY, REVIEW OF ITALIAN NATO DPO RESPONSE, LIAISON WITH MOD FOR SECDEF, USCINCEUR AND SUBORDINATE COMMANDS (DEFREP AND CINCEUR CONTACT OFFICER FOR ITALY), NEGOTIATIONS ON BASE PROBLEMS WITH ITALIAN MILITARY AND MOD ON BEHALF OF US SERVICES, ETC. WE ARE PROCEEDING TO DRAW UP A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THOSE FUNCTIONS AND WILL PLAN TO ABSORB THOSE THAN WE CAN. AT CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS, HOWEVER, NEITHER POL/MULT SECTION NOR DAO CAPABLE OF ABSORBING ALL OF THEM. FORESEE THAT SOME MAY HAVE TO BE DROPPED OR SHIFTED TO NATO, NATO ELEMENTS OR OTHER CHANNELS.

5. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP INSTRUCTIONS ON DISCUSSING FUNDING WITH GOI AS WELL AS LANGUAGE PROMISED STATE 201994. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HOPES ABSORB AS MANY OF FSL'S TO BE RELEASED AS POSSIBLED IN OPEN POSITIONS AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ENSURE WE GET EARLY NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS CONCERNING TERMINIATION OF PRESENT MAAG.BEAUDRY

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